



CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

April 24, 2006

The Honorable George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing in support of the recent request from House Speaker Dennis Hastert and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, that you direct the Attorney General and the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission to investigate any potential collusion, price-fixing or gouging in the sale or distribution of gasoline, petroleum distillates or ethanol in wholesale and retail markets.

Gas and home heating prices continue to rise and consumers are feeling a bigger and bigger pinch. In the short term, we should consider options like lifting tariffs on foreign-made ethanol and preventing price gouging. But the key will be a long-term energy policy to decrease U.S. dependence on foreign oil, protect the environment, build a market for renewable energy, and promote energy conservation.

I urge you to consider long-term solutions to reducing our oil dependence. I have recently introduced legislation, H.R. 4384, The Energy For Our Future Act, which would repeal tax breaks for the profitable oil and natural gas industries, raise corporate average fuel economy standards, and incentivize the purchase of energy efficient appliances and energy efficient upgrades for homes.

I urge you to not only support a FTC investigation of price gouging, but also to consider the proposals I have put forward in my comprehensive energy bill to help combat the rising cost of energy. The Energy for Our Future Act would reduce energy demand and costs, help consumers, and help control deficit spending.

Sincerely,

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